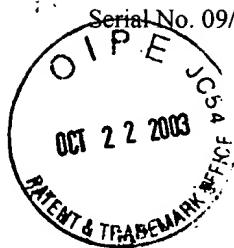


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In response to the Office Action of June 18, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as indicated in the following pages.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claim 1 was rejected. Claims 1-10 are now in this application. Claim 1 was amended.
Claims 2-10 were added.